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1. SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVED RESOLUTION ON BOTSWANA COMPLAINT
BY CONSENSUS ON MAY 25. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS SPOKE BRIEFLY IN
SUPPORT OF BOTSWANA (DETAILS SEPTEL). BOTSWANA FORMIN MOGWE
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EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO SYG WALDHEIM AND THE COUNCIL.

2. TEXT OF US STATEMENT, DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR LEONARD,
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO YOUR FUNCTIONS AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT THESE DUTIES WITH THE SKILL AND WISDOM YOU HAVE DISPLAYED IN THE MANY COUNCIL NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK AND SALUTE AMBASSADOR CONSALUI OF VENEZUELA FOR THE ADMIRABLE WORK HE DID AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL.

ADDITIONALLY, MY DELEGATION GREETES AMBASSADOR CHEN CHU, THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. MY DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO FRUITFUL ASSOCIATION WITH HIM AND HIS DELEGATION.

FURTHERMORE, WE WELCOME THE PARTICIPATION IN THIS DEBATE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF BOTSWANA, HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHIBALD MOGWE. WE HAVE LISTED WITH GREAT CARE TO HIS RESTRAINED AND VERY USEFUL STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL.

MR. PRESIDENT,

MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO JOIN IN THE CONSENSUS WHICH WE FORESEE ON THIS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BOTSWANA BECAUSE OF OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE INVIOALABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL BORDERS. WE BELIEVE THAT BOTSWANA, AS A SOVEREIGN STATE IN THE FRONT LINE OF THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, IS ENTITLED TO DEVELOP FREE FROM INCURSIONS SPONSORED BY THE ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME IN RHODESIA.

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BOTSWANA IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR ITS COURAGEOUS AND PRINCIPLED STAND AND THOSE WHO HARASS BOTSWANA MILITARILY OR OTHERWISE ARE TO BE CONDEMNED.

THE UNITED STATES CONGRATULATES THE DISTINGUISHED ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL ABBY FARAH ON HIS COGENT REPORT STEMMING FROM HIS MISSION TO BOTSWANA, WELCOMES THE LETTER OF SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM DATED APRIL 18 ON THIS SUBJECT, AND URGES OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO MAKE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSIST BOTSWANA.

FOR ITS PART, BASED ON ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE PREVAILING SITUATION, MY GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY DISCUSSING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA FINANCING FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS FUNDS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND. WE ARE ALSO TAKING STEPS, SUBJECT TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BOTSWANA TO HELP EASE THE

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON BOTSWANA OF THE REFUGEES FLEEING FROM
OPPRESSION IN RHODESIA AND TO ASSIST BOTSWANA IN DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS.

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